



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Bruno Pigott, Assistant Commissioner
Office of Water Quality
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Re: ArcelorMittal – Indiana Harbor East
East Chicago, Indiana
NPDES Permit No: IN0000094

Dear Mr. Pigott:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and fact sheet for the ArcelorMittal – Indiana Harbor East facility. The draft permit has been discussed with your staff and we have not identified any issues that would cause the Agency to object to issuance of the permit as drafted. We also concur with your tentative decision to grant the renewal of the Clean Water Act Section 301(g) variance for Ammonia as N in the wastewater discharges from the facility. Should meaningful changes occur after the public comment period, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reserves the right to object to the proposed permit.

Indiana DEM must resubmit the draft permit to EPA for review if:

- a. Prior to the actual date of issuance, an effluent guideline or standard is promulgated which is applicable to the permit and would require revision or modification of a limitation or condition found in the draft permit.
- b. A variance is granted and permit conditions are modified to incorporate the variance.
- c. There are additional revisions to be incorporated into the final permit which have not been reviewed by this Agency.

When the final permit is issued, please forward one copy and significant comments received during the public comment period to this office at the above address, attention NPDES Programs Branch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Pierard", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Kevin M. Pierard, Chief,
NPDES Programs Branch

cc: Nicole Gardner, IDEM